

**Contra Costa County**



**Fire Protection District**

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**VEHICLE ARSON INVESTIGATION CONTINUES**

A joint investigative team continues to look into a series of 17 vehicle arsons that occurred within a two week period in Richmond and El Sobrante.

Fire and law enforcement officials from Richmond Fire, Contra Costa Fire, Richmond Police Department and Contra Costa Sheriff's Office are sharing information and have developed strategies for investigating the cases. State and Federal agencies are also providing support.

All of the vehicle fires are arson and believed to have been set by the same person. Different types of vehicles have been set on fire. Most of the vehicles appear to have had unlocked doors or open windows.

There have been no witnesses to the incidents. Investigators have no suspects and are asking for the public to be vigilant. If anyone sees a suspicious person, get descriptions of the person or vehicle and immediately call your local law enforcement agency. Drivers are also advised to secure their vehicles at all times.

Anonymous tips can be called in to the **Arson Tip Line - 866-502-7766 (866-50-ARSON)** in English or Spanish.

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